

Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

- Sun, Jan 25 9 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting.
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Feb 1 9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Feb 8 10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Feb 15 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
11:30 am Peace and Social Concerns forum on Healthy Cottage Grove
- Tues, Feb 17 Deadline for March newsletter
- Sun, Feb 22 9 am Deepening the Life of the Meeting.
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
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Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day,. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings., Midweek Meetings for Worship are held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, in the Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

In this Issue

In this issue, besides the usual business meeting minutes and a directory change you will find an announcement about the upcoming Peace and Social Concerns Meeting taking place at Healthy Cottage Grove. We conclude with some pictures from the Meeting Christmas Party.

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, Feb 17.

Month's Query

Query 2. Are we faithful in our attendance at meetings for worship and are we careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by our late arrival? Is our behavior therein that of open submission to God in silent communion?

Summary of Minutes

1st Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

January 11, 2014

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

Treasurer's Report: First Month 2015 Report for 12th Month 2014 Income and Expenses

Operating expenses in December 2014 totaled \$1,332.39, with the main expenses of \$76 for Library (Pendel Hill Pamphlets), \$90 for Religious Education, \$644 for Peace and Social Concerns, and \$421.85 for Supplies and Miscellaneous. Six supporting contributions were paid in December totaling \$800. Meeting house expenses totaled \$159 for December.

Income in December was \$6,759.10 to the General Fund and \$3,175 to the New Building Fund. We also received a \$1000 contribution in memory of Ruth Bailey with the request that the money be allocated to Peace and Social Concerns in support of "migrant and immigrant ministries". The money is placed in the "Flow Through" fund.

Summary for December 2014

	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$6,759	\$2,291	\$14,012
New Building Fund	\$3,175	0	\$7,035
All Operating Funds	\$10,934	\$2,291	\$29,307

It was proposed that our contribution to NCYM-C be made after 7th Month (the start of their fiscal year) so our contribution would help them make their 2015-2016 budget. This was approved.

- The budget as proposed by the Finance Committee was approved, with two friends standing aside. These two friends would prefer that the Meeting withhold corporate contributions to outside organizations during the time that we are raising funds and building a new Meeting room to show our commitment to our own needs.
- A recommendation was made to have the proposed 2016 budget ready to present in November 2015, to be approved December 2015. The Finance Committee will discuss this recommendation.

2015 Friendship Budget Proposal Report

The Finance Committee (Stephen Holland, Ray Treadway, and James Rouse with George White not attending) met on the 30th day of 12th month to consider the Friendship Budget for 2015.

Operating expenses were developed with consultation with the relevant committee conveners. We noted that the "Scholarship" and "Conference/Travel" budgets are underutilized. We chose to leave these budget items at their current levels to allow for flexibility in future needs.

Supporting contributions were developed based on the work of the Ad Hoc committee. Since the Finance Committee's recommendations are slightly different from the Ad Hoc committee's recommendations,

the spreadsheet reports both recommendations. Both committees' recommendations have the same total: \$5,450. Our recommendation differs from the Ad Hoc committee in that we have reduced two contributions (to NCYM_C and NGFS) and added contributions to five organizations: AFSC, FCNL, Pendle Hill, Piedmont Friends Fellowship, and People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.

Our proposed supporting contributions (in agreement with the Ad Hoc committee) recommend that we no longer support: Friends Disaster Service, Friends Homes, Guilford College, NC Friends Historical Society and Quaker Earthcare Witness. Friends are invited to make individual contributions to these organizations if they feel so led. We also note that Peace and Social Concerns can choose to allocate funds to these or any other organizations.

Meeting House expenses are anticipated to be approximately the same as last year, so we have primarily maintained current funding levels. We have also added a new line item of \$4000 for the New Building Fund to the Meeting House expenses. At the end of 2015, \$4000 would be transferred from the general fund to the New Building Fund.

One other item of note. We received a \$1000 contribution in 2014 in memory of Ruth Bailey with a request that it be used to Peace and Social Concerns in support of "migrant and immigrant ministries." The money was placed in the "Flow Through" fund with the expectation that it be spent by Peace and Social Concerns during 2015.

Hospitality Annual Report

Hospitality's purpose continues to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere that promotes fellowship at the Meetinghouse. The committee works to accomplish that with each member of the committee fulfilling specific responsibilities. These duties are fulfilled efficiently to the betterment of the Meeting.

On a rotating schedule, members set up refreshments and clean up every First Day following Meeting for Worship. The committee also sets up potluck lunches that precede Meeting for Business. It is responsible for locking the Meetinghouse.

The committee monitors the use of our building by outside groups. Guidelines for the use of the kitchen are posted over the kitchen sink.

Judy Harvey is arranging greeters for each First Day. She gives a reminder call to those who have volunteered. The greeters welcome all who enter the Meetinghouse and remain for a few minutes after Meeting for Worship has started to direct latecomers to the Meeting Room.

Hospitality also coordinates set ups for other events that are scheduled at the Meetinghouse. In the past year, this included a Meeting picnic, a dessert portion of the annual Progressive Diner to welcome new Guilford College students, and the Christmas party. When other special occasions arise requiring refreshments, this committee is available to provide them.

A large group of Guilford College students attend our portion of the Progressive Dinner. After being greeted in the meeting room, the

students enjoyed a bountiful supply of desserts provided by our Meeting members. Many lingered to talk to Friendship members.

Claire Koster purchases supplies for weekly refreshments.

Anne Morris is the House and Grounds liaison, coordinating the cleaning of the Meetinghouse. Deborah Shaw buys the cleaning supplies.

One continuing concern of the Hospitality Committee is the dwindling number of committee members. We each take one First Day, taking turns with the months with five. We greatly appreciate the help others give us to carry out our responsibilities. We especially welcome the extra help when members are ill or out of town.

4. Query Response Workshop Days

- The workshop days to respond to the monthly queries will be February 7 and April 11 from 10am to noon.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Directory update

Zachary Wortman

New address

1918 Peppertree Street, Durham, NC 27705

Peace and Social Concerns Forum On Healthy Cottage Grove

Sunday, February 15, 2015 @ 11:30AM
Finger foods and beverages will be served.

The Cottage Grove neighborhood in southeast Greensboro is rich in history, but on the list of distressed census tracts. Our forum participants will discuss the focus of the initiative for a healthy cottage grove, and the current partnerships including the residents committed to determine priorities and implement actions for sustainable neighborhood transformation.

Participants include:

Ray Treadway, Emeritus Professor, Bennett College, Greensboro
Reverend Julie Peebles, Senior Pastor
Congregational United Church of Christ
Skip Crowe, Executive Director, Cottage Grove Initiative

Pat Macfoy, Executive Director,
New Hope Community Development Group
Beth Mulberry, M.D., Medical Director,
Mustard Seed Community Health

B. Grace Sullivan, Ph.D., PPCNP, VISTA

We promise to make this an interesting and informative forum, hoping that Friends will consider engaging in our partnership in some capacity.

See www.mustardseedclinic.org for more information



Skits at the Christmas Party - King John



A clarinet trio



A Christmas story



Friends School dance/song



More dancing



And David Brown's magic show

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